

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/716,595

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment submitted by Applicant on November 13, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 151-209.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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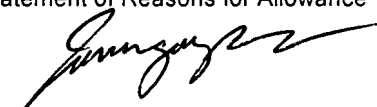
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 4/05,1/06,6/06,10/06,5/07.

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1. The amendment submitted by Applicant on November 13, 2006 has been received and entered.
2. The Information Disclosure Statements submitted on April 26, 2005, January 13, 2006, June 29, 2006, October 2, 2006 and May 1, 2007 have been received and fully considered.
3. New claims 178-209 have been added.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art to the present invention is Tam et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,825,416). Tam et al. discloses a memory device having an initialization register coupled to a memory array. Tam et al. fails to show or suggest the combination of a register to store a value, a plurality of input receivers to sample operation codes synchronously with an external clock signal, wherein a first operation code instructs the memory device to store the value in the register, a second operation code instructs the memory device to perform a write operation, wherein in response to the second operation code, the memory device samples write data at a time determined using the value stored in the register (claims 151-170, 178-179); or the steps of adjusting a variable delay based on a comparison between a delayed clock signal and a first external clock signal, storing a value in a register, receiving a block size that indicates an amount of data to be sampled during a write operation (claims 171-177, 180-194); or a plurality of input receivers to sample input signals to produce sets of bits corresponding to control information, wherein a first set of bits instructs the memory device to store a value in a register, and wherein a second set of bits instructs the

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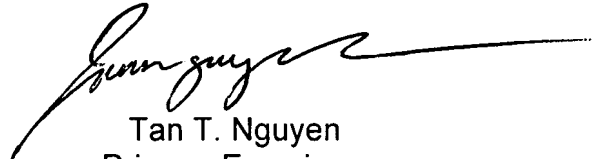
memory device to perform a write operation during which the memory device samples an amount of write data at a time determined using the value stored in the register (claims 195-209)

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 07:00 AM to 03:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian, can be reached at (571) 272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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